

## **Staff Matters – March, 2008**

### **On My Own Time**

On My Own Time (OMOT) was developed as a community arts program that brings visibility to the creative skills of people employed in local businesses. We are excited to be participating in the 35th year of OMOT, a creation of the Cultural Resources Council and Onondaga County, in cooperation with the Everson Museum of Art.

OMOT at Syracuse University will begin with an in-house exhibit on April 25, 2008 in the Noble Room of Hendricks Chapel. The exhibit will be open on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. and will run until May 15. The in-house exhibit will be judged by a group of SU faculty and staff, as well as by a panel of professional artists from the Cultural Resources Council. Those works selected by the Cultural Resources Council panel will be shown in a public exhibit at the Everson Museum in the fall of 2008. Visitors to the in-house exhibit will be asked to vote for their “Best of Show” piece. The winner of this category, as well as the winners of other categories, will be announced during an awards ceremony held for artists, their family members, and volunteers on May 15 at 4:30 p.m. in the Noble Room.

Faculty and staff interested in participating in, or volunteering to help with this event should contact Katherine Bloomer-Calabria, Human Resources, Skytop Office Building; at [learn@syr.edu](mailto:learn@syr.edu) or x2488.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **April 2 - Dependent Tuition 101**

It's time to plan ahead for your dependents that are heading to college in the 2009-10 academic year. This Staff 2 Staff noontime session is an introduction to SU's dependent tuition benefit and will highlight what you need to know prior to the November application deadline for the 2009-10 academic year. Join representatives from Human Resources and Financial Aid for a short informal presentation and Q&A on the dependent tuition benefit options and how to apply for using them at: Main Campus, University College, Utica College, Cash Grant and Tuition Exchange. This question and answer session is recommended for employees new to the process.

Registration is required and can be completed online at <http://humanresources.syr.edu/shared/docs/sts/index.html> or by calling x2488.

#### **April 17 – Bring Your Child to Work Day**

The HR WorkLife Team presents the annual Bring Your Child to Work Day, Thursday, April 17, 2008. The event-filled morning program includes organized activities from 8:15 a.m. to noon, and lunch at dining centers across campus. The children will visit many campus locations for a taste of SU life and traditions.

#### **April 19 – American Heart Association Heart Walk**

Syracuse University has supported the American Heart Association Heart Walk for three years. There is still time to get involved and supported the SU team for this year's Heart

Walk. Details about donations and upcoming lunch events that benefit the team are available online at: <http://humanresources.syr.edu/highlights/heartwalk.html>

**April 26 - Play It Safe**

Save the date for this important and fun event! SU employees with children are faced with the everyday challenges of keeping kids safe, from dangers at home to those encountered elsewhere. Together with MetLife, the Office of Human Resources is coordinating this Saturday morning event. Safety experts will show you how to keep your kids safe in every environment.

Currently, the following agencies and organizations have committed to attending this event:

MetLife

National Safety Council

New York State Police Department

Onondaga Traffic Safety

SU Ambulance

SU Department of Public Safety

Syracuse Fire Department

Syracuse Police Department

More information will be available in April at <http://humanresources.syr.edu>.